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In re Application of Mordechai Hammer Application No. 08/894,211

ON PETITION

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 20, 2000, to revive the above-identified application.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed October 28 1998, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. It is noted that while petitioner filed a response using a cetificate of mailing under 37 CFR 1.8 dated April 28, 1999, the check presented for payment of the requisite extension of time was not honored by the bank. The practice of the Office is to treat such a returned check as though the fee for which it was intended was never received. Accordingly, no extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed June 11, 1999.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-9282.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 3600.

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